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SUBJECT: GOP REQUEST FOR FAMILIARIZATION TRAINING ON USAF
TYPHOON RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS

REF: MANILA A-144, MAY 30, 1973

BEGIN SUMMARY: RECENT EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE
BETWEEN GENERAL WILLIAM BEST, COMMANDER USAF AIR
WEATHER SERVICE AND PHILIPPINE WEATHER BUREAU
DIRECTOR KINTANAR DISCUSSED PROSPECTS FOR GOP TYPHOON
RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS. RESPONSE FROM KINTANAR,
REFLECTING VIEWS OF EXEC SECY MELCHOR, ASKED IF
PHILIPPINE AIR CREWS AND METEOROLOGISTS COULD
PARTICIPATE IN USAF TYPHOON RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS
FOR ON- THE- JOB TRAINING DURING COMING TYPHOON SEASON
(JULY- NOV). ACTION REQUESTED: RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF
GOP REQUEST IF MUTUALLY AGREED ARRANGEMENTS FOR
TRANSPORTATION, BILLETING, ETC. CAN BE MADE FOR
PARTICIPATION IN FLIGHTS OUT OF GUAM. PLEASE ADVISE
WHAT FURTHER STEPS EMBASSY SHOULD TAKE. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING VISIT MAY 6-11 TO PHILIPPINES OF DR. GENTRY,
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DIRECTOR OF STORMFURY PROJECT, EMBASSY LEARNED OF
LETTER DATED APRIL 16, 1973 SENT BY GENERAL BEST TO DR.
KINTANAR DESCRIBING TYPHOON RECONNAISSANCE PERFORMED
BY 54 TH WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON BASED ON GUAM.
J35534 NOTED POTENTIAL AIR SPACE CONFLICTS IF

PHILIPPINE RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS MADE IN THE SAME GEOGRAPHIC AREA, AND ASKED DETAILS OF GOP PLANS FOR TYPHOON RECONNAISSANCE OR MODIFICATION.

2. AS NOTED REPAIR, PHIL OFFICERS RAISED WITH GENTRY AND EMBASSY OFFICERS POSSIBILITY OF ON- THE- JOB TRAINING WITH USAF WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE CREWS. AS FOLLOW UP TO THESE DISCUSSIONS, DR. KINTANAR HAS NOW SENT LETTER DATED JUNE 11 TO GENERAL BEST (COPY POUCHED EA/ PHL WITH COPY OF GENERAL BEST' S LETTER) STATING PRESENT GOP PLANS NOT TO UNDERTAKE AERIAL SURVEILLANCE OF TYPHOONS UNTIL THE 1974 TYPHOON SEASON AND SUGGESTING THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH GOP AND USG AGENCIES ENGAGED IN AIR OPERATIONS MEET AT MANILA TO DISCUSS AND RESOLVE PROBLEMS CONCERNING POTENTIAL AIR SPACE CONFLICTS. KINTANAR SUGGESTED DISCUSSIONS BE HELD EARLY IN 1974 WHEN GOP WILL BE IN POSITION TO ASSESS ITS CAPABILITIES FOR TYPHOON OPERATIONS.

3. NOTING THAT GOP PLANS DURING 1973 TYPHOON SEASON TO GIVE AIR CREWS AND METEOROLOGISTS EVERY OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILIARIZATION WITH ACTUAL TYPHOON PENETRATION CONDITIONS, KINTANAR PROPOSES GOP AIR OPERATIONS PERSONNEL JOIN WITH EXPERIENCED USAF CREWS ON TYPHOON RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS. KINTANAR STATES THIS WOULD SERVE AS ON- THE- JOB TRAINING FOR TYPHOON PENETRATION AND ADDS IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE ARRANGEMENTS WORKED OUT FOR SUCH TRAINING DURING COMING TYPHOON SEASON.

4. KINTANAR' S SENIOR ASSISTANT INFORMED EMBASSY OF FOREGOING PROPOSAL AND SAID IT HAD PERSONAL SUPPORT OF EXEC SECY MELCHOR, CHAIRMAN OF GOP TYPHOON MODERATION COMMITTEE.

5. IN VIEW OF APPARANT GOP DETERMINATION TO PROCEED WITH TYPHOON MODERATION RESEARCH PROJECT UTILIZING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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L-100-20 HERCULES AIRCRAFT, WE RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF GOP REQUEST SUBJECT TO WORKING OUT DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION BY PHILIPPINE AIR CREWS.
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